

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A prosthesis or orthosis for a member of a human
body, comprising limb-forming components, which components
are connected by pivoting couplings, and at least one first
spring element whose ends are coupled with components that
are distinguishable from each other, wherein a coupling
10 element is provided spanning at least two of said pivoting
couplings.
2. A prosthesis or orthosis according to claim 1,
wherein the member is a foot, and further comprising a lower
15 leg portion, a heel portion, a front portion of the foot and
a toe portion, wherein the front portion of the foot at
either side ends in an ankle hinge and a toe hinge,
respectively, for the coupling of on the one hand the heel
portion and the lower leg portion, and on the other end the
20 toe portion, and wherein the coupling element spans the
pivoting couplings of the front portion of the foot.
3. A prosthesis or orthosis according to claim 2,
wherein the coupling element is connected on the one hand
25 with the toe portion and on the other hand with a selection
made from the group consisting of the lower leg portion and
the heel portion.

4. A prosthesis or orthosis according to claim 2,
wherein the coupling element is connected on the one hand
with the toe portion and on the other hand with the lower leg
portion.

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5. A prosthesis or orthosis according to claim 4,
wherein the front portion of the foot and the heel part are
integrated to form a whole.

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6. A prosthesis or orthosis according to claim 1,
wherein the coupling element is the first spring element.

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7. A prosthesis or orthosis according to claim 2
wherein the heel portion and the lower leg portion share the
ankle hinge of the front portion of the foot, while also
being mutually coupled via a second spring element.